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## Public Works Has a New Home!

Since its inception in 2005, the Public Works Department has operated out of the Barn located at Upland Farms (301 Pottstown Pike). Operating out of a barn was necessary but not an ideal situation and came with many difficulties for both our personnel as well as our equipment. In January, 2011 Upper Uwchlan Township purchased a new home for Public Works located at 132 Oscar Way (Eagle Industrial Park). The Public Works Department now operates out of an 8,150 square foot facility that is located on 3.2 acres. This new facility provides an ideal work area for our personnel and allows for the proper storage and care of the Township's equipment.

In conjunction with National Public Works Week (May 15-21, 2011) our May Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held at the new Public Works Building located at 132 Oscar Way, Chester Springs. Come out and tour the new facility in honor of National Public Works Week! The new building will be open for tours beginning at 6:00PM prior to the public meeting (refreshments will be served).



*Photo by Mike Heckman*



*Photo by Al Gaspari*

## Park Road Trail Update - Phase III

Construction of Phase III of the Park Road Pedestrian Trail began in March, 2011 with the placement of erosion and sedimentation control measures, the clearing of trees and brush and the placement of clean fill to bring the trail area to grade with Park Road. Phase III of the Park Road Pedestrian Trail includes the installation of approximately 1,000 feet of asphalt trail adjacent to Park Road and a pedestrian bridge spanning the Pennsylvania Turnpike, allowing for the safe pedestrian crossing of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Phase III of this project connects the Township's current trail system, which currently stops at Heather Hill Drive, to Hickory Park, located at 351 Park Road. Extensive passive and active recreational opportunities exist at Hickory Park such as: baseball, football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and both paved and un-paved walking trails.

This new trail extension will encourage alternative modes of transport and further connect Township neighborhoods to the Historic Village Districts of Eagle and Byers; the main commercial areas of Upper Uwchlan Township.

The contractor, awarded the job through the formal bidding process, is J.D. Eckman. The total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$1,364,000, of which approximately 70% is being funded through the use of Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds and a grant from the County of Chester. Upper Uwchlan Township sincerely thanks all who were involved in obtaining the supplemental funding that has made this project a reality.

There are no road closures expected on Park Road, however, there may be lane limitations based on specific construction activity. Significant transportation impacts will be announced in advance and will be placed on our website. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Township office, 610-458-9400.

Updates on construction activities can be found on our website located at [www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov).

**Save the Date - Block Party**  
**June 18, 2011, 6-9 pm**



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Rhys Lloyd, Building Code Official  
Kathi McGrath, Administrative Assistant

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Mike Heckman, Director Chris Totaro Josh Spangler  
Steve Poley, Road Foreman Kyle Ripka

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:**

Gilmore & Associates

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Kathi McGrath, Administrative Assistant

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Ben LaGarde

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John D. DeMarco

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Cindy Leonard, Secretary Officer Steven Jones  
Sergeant Chris Bright Officer Robert Davis  
Detective Tom Jones Officer Paul Kemme  
Corporal Joseph Carr Officer Joe Katz  
Officer Kyle Sherman Officer Brian Gathercole  
Officer Robert Paradis Officer Charlie (K-9)  
Officer Adam Pozza

**TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

Administration: 610-458-9400  
Police Department: 610-458-5862

**WEBSITE:** [www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov)

## Boards, Authorities, Commissions & Officials

Pennsylvania counties are divided into four principal types of municipalities - cities, boroughs and townships of the first and second class - with each kind operating under a different code of State Laws.

Chester County has one city (Coatesville), 15 boroughs, one township of the first class (Caln) and 56 townships of the second class.

In 1858, when the original Uwchlan Township was divided into Uwchlan and Upper Uwchlan, the present Upper Uwchlan Township was incorporated as a township of the second class. As such, it is permitted to elect and appoint certain officials. Elected officials are Supervisors, Auditors and Tax Collector. Each group is independent of the others.

Additionally, elected officials who represent Upper Uwchlan, as well as other Municipalities, are: School Director, District Justice, Constable and your Federal, State and County Representatives.

A list of who's who and how to contact them follows:

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### U.S. SENATORS

**Robert P. Casey, Jr.**

383 Russell Senate Office Bldg.

Washington, DC 20510

Harrisburg Office:

22 S. Third St., Ste. 6A

Harrisburg, PA 17101

717-231-7540 • Fax: 717-231-7542

Website: [www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov)

**Patrick Toomey**

B40B Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.

Washington, DC 20510

202-224-4254 • Fax 202-228-0284

**District Office:**

600 Arch Street, Suite 9400

Philadelphia, PA 19106

215-597-7200 • Fax 215-597-0406

[www.pat@toomey.senate.gov](mailto:www.pat@toomey.senate.gov)

### U.S. CONGRESSMAN

**James Gerlach - 6th District**

111 E. Uwchlan Avenue

Exton, PA 19341

610-594-1415 • Fax: 610-594-1419

Website: [www.gerlach.house.gov](http://www.gerlach.house.gov)

### STATE SENATOR

**John Rafferty, Jr. - 44th District**

Collegeville Professional Building

3770 Ridge Pike

Collegeville, PA 19426

610-831-8830

Website: [www.senatorrafferty.com](http://www.senatorrafferty.com)

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Curt Schroder - 155th District**

315 Gordon Drive

Exton, PA 19341

610-524-5595 • Fax: 610-524-5667

Website: [www.curtschroder.com](http://www.curtschroder.com)

### DISTRICT JUSTICE

**Lori Novak Donatelli**

75 E. Uwchlan Avenue

Ste. 110, PO Box 501

Lionville, PA 19353

610-524-7456 • Fax: 610-524-6341



## Thank You

We'd like to take this opportunity to say  
**THANK YOU** to Mike Mastrog, who recently retired  
from serving on the Township's Park and Recreation  
Board over the past decade.

**His invaluable service to the Community  
is appreciated.**



## CERT/VOAD

*Class Prepares Residents For Disaster*

### Emergency Training Program Teaches First Aid, Basic Response Tips

Those interested in attending a FREE two day CPR/First Aid/Cert Training (Community Emergency Response Team) is being held **Wednesday, June 22 from 5:30 – 9:30 PM and Saturday, June 25 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Upper Uwchlan Township Building, 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs.** This two day class is limited to the first 25 people; so register early to secure your seat at this FREE training being offered from the County Emergency Services and the Emergency Management Planning Commission. If interested in enrolling in this class, please send an email to Kathi McGrath, Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Secretary at [Kmcgrath@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:Kmcgrath@upperuwchlan-pa.gov) with your name, home address and contact phone number or call directly to 610-646-7001.



## Uwchlan Ambulance

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps offers free CPR/AED and First Aid classes to the residents of the townships it serves. The Corps also hosts two camps over the summer. These camps are for boys and girls in fifth grade and older who have an interest in the medical field or other careers where first aid is an integral part of the job. The Junior Medic Camp is for youngsters who are in fifth grade and older and is based on learning first aid and CPR/AED. The Advanced Junior Medic Camp is aimed at teenagers from the age of 12 to 18 and is based on the Brady First Responder Course. In both camps many other aspects of emergency services are explored and of course there are activities like swimming and picnics. There is a charge for the camps.



## Classes

May 11 at 6:00 PM	Infant/ Child CPR/AED
June 8 at 6:00 PM	First aid
July 14 at 6:00 PM	Adult CPR/AED
August 11 at 6:00 PM	Infant/ Child CPR/AED
September 8 at 6:00 PM	First Aid
October 17 at 6:00 PM	Adult CPR/AED
November 14 at 6:00 PM	Infant/ Child CPR/AED
December 12 at 6:00 PM	First Aid

## Camps

### Junior Medic Camp

Monday thru Friday June 20-June 24

### Advanced Junior Medic Camp

Monday thru Friday July 18-22

Monday thru Friday July 25-29

For information and registration call 610-363-1067 X41 or e-mail: [training@station87.com](mailto:training@station87.com)

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## MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

### Centralized Sewer Plant – Fellowship Fields

We occasionally hear comments and/or questions about the location of the new Fellowship Fields being next door to the Township's so-called Centralized Sewage Treatment Plant. As many are aware, large expanses of usable, reasonably flat, open space are limited in Upper Uwchlan. The treatment plant/recreation fields area was one of those remaining "rare" sites. The Municipal Authority has taken steps to mitigate the occasional odor issue by installing an odor filtration system at the control buildings where occasional sewage odors can emit. The multiple uses of this important area of the Township is a "win-win" for everyone.

### Spray/Drip Fields

Now that we are into Spring more people are using the Township's trail system for biking, running, jogging or an enjoyable walk. Sometimes there is the temptation to make an "off trail" excursion into Municipal Authority treated waste water disposal areas, be they open spray fields/wooded spray disposal areas or drip irrigation fields. The Authority works very hard to assure a "high quality" waste water product. Nevertheless, it is important to recognize that these open space areas are exactly as posted - - treated waste water disposal areas. They are better left to use by Upper Uwchlan's wildlife population than to use by our human population. Citizen compliance with the "No Trespassing" signs is appreciated by the Authority, and its' systems maintenance contractor.



## US CENSUS BUREAU

Census information affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, and locate pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for your community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

**Your cooperation in providing information to the 2010 Census Bureau has proven to be valuable as the County shows Upper Uwchlan Township has a population estimated at 11, 227 residents in our community up from 8,150 as reported from the 2005 census... a 39.8% increase in five (5) years!**

## 2011 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT SCHEDULE FOR CHESTER COUNTY

[www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)

**ALL EVENTS START AT 9:00 AM AND  
CLOSE AT 3:00 PM SHARP**



SAT., MAY 21, 2011

OWEN J. ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465  
NO COMPUTERS ACCEPTED

FRI., JUNE 24, 2011

CAT BRANDYWINE CAMPUS  
(Across from Dairy Queen)  
1635 East Lincoln Highway,  
Coatesville, PA 19320  
COMPUTERS ACCEPTED

SAT., SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP  
Proof of Residency Required  
MAINTENANCE BLDG.  
8934 Gap Newport Road,  
Landenberg, PA 19350  
NO COMPUTERS ACCEPTED

SAT., OCTOBER 8, 2011

GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER  
601 Westtown Road,  
West Chester, PA 19380  
COMPUTERS ACCEPTED



# Township Bulletin Board

## Holiday Hours

The Township office will be closed  
on the following dates:

May 30, 2011 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday;

July 4, 2011 in observance of Independence Day and

September 5, 2011 in observance of Labor Day

## State Maintained Roads

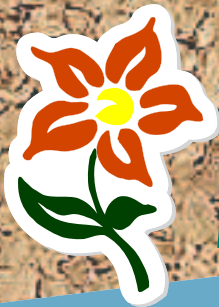
For maintenance issues, including snow removal, call the PennDOT maintenance number at 800-FIX-ROAD. Or an online concern form is available at: [http://www.dot.state.pa.us/pennDOT/districts/district6/d6ccc.nsf/CCC\\_Welcome?OpenForm&BaseTarget=contents](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/pennDOT/districts/district6/d6ccc.nsf/CCC_Welcome?OpenForm&BaseTarget=contents)

State Roads include:

- Byers Rd
- Dorlan Mills Rd
- Pottstown Pike (Rte 100)
- Graphite Mine Rd (from Byers Rd south to Rte 100)
- Little Conestoga Rd

## Work Zone Safety

As a reminder, the Public Works Department asks that all motorists be aware of their speed as they travel through the various work zones that will be set up throughout the Township during construction activity. The traffic cones, barrels and signs are there to protect both the workers and the motorists. So please, watch your speed and obey the signage.



## REMEMBER TO RETURN UPPER UWCHLAN VILLAGE DESIGN SURVEY (insert)

online or by mail by **MAY 31, 2011**  
to Gwen Jonik at Township Office.

## SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual Block Party,  
Saturday, June 18, 2011

Check the Township website  
([www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov)) for vendor  
registration and more information.

*Vendors and Crafters needed.*  
Contact Kathi McGrath at  
610-458-9400  
for further details.



## Yard Waste Collection Wednesdays

5/11, 5/25, 6/8, 6/22, 7/20, 8/17, 9/7 and 9/21

Reminder that no yard debris will be collected in plastic bags! Only open containers or biodegradable bags. Place your bags/containers curbside the night before. Biodegradable bags are available at the Township Office \$2.50/5-bag bundle.



## CERT/CPR/ First Aid (2 Day Training)

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from 5:30 – 9:30 PM

**Saturday, June 25**  
from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

at the  
Upper Uwchlan Township Building,  
140 Pottstown Pike,  
Chester Springs

The Upper Uwchlan  
“*A Place Betwixt and Between*” book  
by Estelle Cremers and Pamela Shenk is the  
perfect GIFT to give for the upcoming holiday  
season! This popular book is available for  
review and to purchase for **\$15.00** at the  
**Township Building.**

## Residential Resales

When refinancing your home, the  
Township requires a Refinance  
Certification. The owner of the property or  
Lending Institution must contact our office  
to obtain a Refinance Certification Form,  
this includes trash/sewer certification.

The fee for this is \$30.00



# TOWNSHIP SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS

Upper Uwchlan Township instituted a new solid waste & recycling program on August 1, 2010 with the distribution of one trash Toter and one recycling Toter to each residential household in the Township. The goals of this new program include the reduction of solid waste into the Chester County Landfill with an associated increase in the rate of recycling. Success is based on the reported solid waste tonnages being deposited into the landfill. A successful program will also help ensure the long-term financial health of the Township's program.

We are now over eight months into the program and have seen an average reduction of solid waste deposited into the landfill of 28 tons a week.

**This equates to a reduction of:**

- 28 tons/weekly
- 112 tons/monthly
- 1,456 tons/annually

## Yard Waste, Grass Clippings, & Leaf Collections (17 collections annually - Wednesdays)

Seventeen (17) yard waste (including grass clippings) and leaf collections will occur throughout the year. Use your existing "personal" trash cans or Biodegradable Bags for leaf and yard waste disposal. Biodegradable bags are available at the Township Office for \$2.50/5-bag bundle. Leaf and yard waste debris placed in plastic bags will NOT be collected; this material is destined for the composting process.

**2011 - May 11, 25; June 8, 22;**

**July 20; Aug. 17;**

**Sept. 7, 21; Oct. 5, 19;**

**Nov. 2, 16**

**Holidays:** If your scheduled collection day falls upon a Holiday, your pick up will be the next day.

**Bulk Trash:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday or Tuesday (depending on your zone); 2 items maximum per month. Chairs, toys, mattresses, small sofas, televisions (up to 50"), bed frames, bicycles.

**Appliances – DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL APPLIANCES.**

**Freon Items:** Please call the Township Office at 610-458-9400 to schedule pick-up of freon-containing items such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers.



## Recycle Right!

Provided by  
The Chester County Board of Commissioners  
through the Chester County Solid Waste Authority  
**610-273-3771, ext. 228**



THE ITEMS COLLECTED THROUGH INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS VARY: CONTACT YOUR HAULER, MUNICIPALITY OR DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTER TO VERIFY THE ITEMS THEY COLLECT

### Single Stream Items Typically Collected In One Container:

**Yes**

**Newspapers**



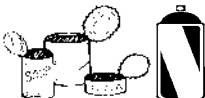
**Mixed Paper** - cardboard, paper bags, magazines, all mail, phone books, home, office & school paper, paperback books, paper egg cartons, clean pizza boxes, box board (cereal, cake and cracker boxes).  
Check with your hauler or municipality.

**Glass** - clean food & drink bottles and jars only. Rinse and remove lids. Labels need not be removed.



**Aluminum** - beverage cans, pie plates and clean foil. Rinse.

**Metal** - Rinsed food & beverage cans, empty metal aerosol cans.



**Plastic** - #1 through #7 plastic containers. Rinse & remove caps. (No styrofoam, foam or polystyrene). Return plastic bags to grocery store

**No**

**light bulbs**



**plate glass window glass**



**drinking glasses**



**crystal**



**ceramic cups and plates**



**flower pots**



**mirrors**



**ovenware**



**paint cans**



**no oil cans or bottles**



**no caps or lids**



• food wrappers  
• plastic bags  
• wax or plastic coated boxes



• tyvek plastic envelopes  
• tissues, towels, napkins  
• metallic wrapping paper

CALL 610-273-3771, ext. 228 FOR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS  
[www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q. Do I have to use the Toters?

**A. YES, all customers must first use both the solid waste and recycling Toters issued by the Township. The Township does recognize that situations arise such as holiday celebrations, parties etc. that will require the use of additional disposal. This overflow can be accommodated in additional personal trash cans.**

### Q. To whom do the Toters belong?

**A. The Toters are the property of the Township and have been assigned to each property, documented by the serial numbers on each unit. If you move from your home in Upper Uwchlan the Toters must stay with the property for use by the next residents.**

### Q. Can I put my trash or recyclables out in plastic bags?

**A. No, because all of our waste is now strictly separated you cannot put anything out at the curb in plastic bags; the hauler will not collect the material.**

### Q. How is leaf and yard waste supposed to be gathered for collection?

**A. Leaf and yard waste can be bagged, using bio-degradable bags, placed loosely in privately owned trash cans, or bundled. The hauler will not take loose yard waste or yard waste that has been placed in plastic bags.**

### Q. Will the Township's hauler pick-up leaf and yard waste debris on collection days other than the pre-advertised Wednesdays?

**A. No, leaf and yard waste debris, including grass clippings, will not be collected on days other than those pre-advertised Wednesdays.**

### Q. What do I do if I have leaf and yard waste debris to dispose of and do not wish to wait for the next collection day?

**A. The township has made a dumpster available for the disposal of compostable material. This dumpster is currently located at the Township's public works facility located at 132 Oscar Way. This dumpster can be used only for recyclable compostable yard material; NO plastic bags can be accepted.**

# UPPER UWCHLAN VILLAGE DESIGN SURVEY

The Village Concept Committee of Upper Uwchlan Township is in the process of developing guidelines for use in the "Village Planning Area" (See Map). Please take a moment to answer the following questions and help us in planning for the future of your community!

**The Survey may be completed using this form or on-line -- visit [www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov).  
Please complete the survey by May 31, 2011.**

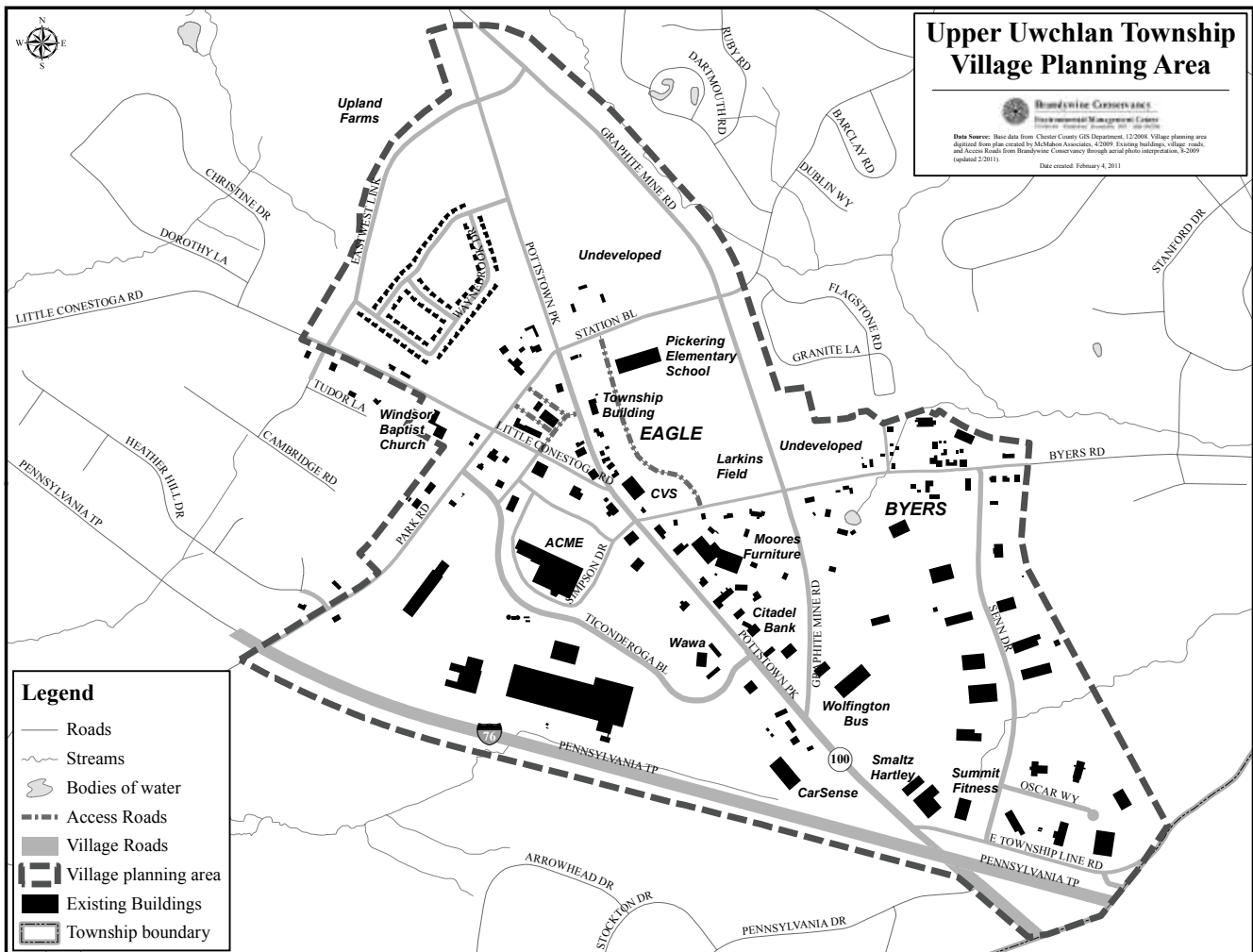
Rank each statement using the following system: "1" - Very important, absolutely necessary"; "2" - Nice, if possible; "3" - Not necessary, forget it

- Please tell us the number of persons in your household in each of the following age groups:  
\_\_\_ 0 - 5    \_\_\_ 6 - 12    \_\_\_ 13 - 18    \_\_\_ 19 - 35    \_\_\_ 36 - 59    \_\_\_ over 60
- Establishing guidelines to assist developers who are interested in renovating or developing properties within the "Village Planning Area" is ... \_\_\_\_\_
- Preserving historic structures through an Historic Resource Protection Ordinance is ... \_\_\_\_\_
- Establishing pedestrian-friendly walkways and highway crossing zones for improved safety; adding street furniture, such as benches and bike racks, is ... \_\_\_\_\_
- Developing a walking tour of the Historic and village structures is ... \_\_\_\_\_
- Improving parking by establishing designated parking areas; restricting traffic speeds or installing traffic-calming devices is ... \_\_\_\_\_
- Streetscape: improving street lighting, and recommending suitable landscape to enhance a village atmosphere is ... \_\_\_\_\_
- Designating or establishing a Community Center for community use and disseminating historical information; adding public restroom facilities for community use; designating interesting sites with directional signs (shops, Parks, historic sites, etc.) is ... \_\_\_\_\_
- What suggestions do you have for new types of business that might be encouraged to locate in the Village Planning Area?  
You would more likely shop or stay in the Village area if ..... ? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you describe your community to individuals who have never been here? What made you pick this area in which to live, or what causes you to stay? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for taking a moment to plan your future community.*

**Newsletter Respondents – please return by May 31, 2011 to:**

**Upper Uwchlan Township Village Concept Committee, Attn: Gwen Jonik, 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425**



## Earned Income Tax in Chester County

### *Q. Who now collects the Earned Income Tax in Chester County?*

A. Effective January 1, 2011, Keystone Collections Group is responsible for the collection of all Earned Income Tax throughout Chester County. Berkheimer is no longer responsible for the collection of this tax.

### *Q. What is the Earned Income tax rate?*

A. For residents of Upper Uwchlan Township, Earned Income Tax is withheld at a rate of 1%, of which, ½% is remitted to the Township and ½% is remitted to the Downingtown Area School District.

### *Q. If my employer does not withhold the Earned Income Tax, do I have to file quarterly or may I file annually?*

A. You are required to file on a quarterly basis.

### *Q. When are my quarterly payments due?*

A. 1st Quarter payment is due by April 30th of the tax year.

2nd Quarter payment is due by July 31st of the tax year.

3rd Quarter payment is due by October 31st of the tax year.

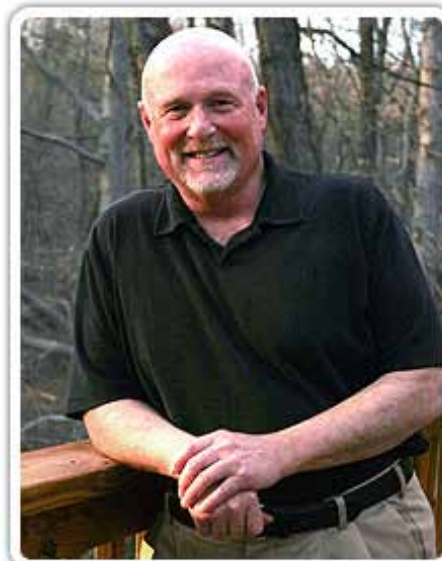
4th Quarter payment is due by January 31st of the following year.

### *Q. Is there a local Keystone office I may visit or call for assistance?*

A. The local office is located at:  
144 Wallace Avenue  
Downingtown, PA 19335  
Hours - Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Phone: 610-269-4402 or 888-519-3903

<http://www.keystonecollects.com/>

**Important - Please check with your employer to ensure that they are remitting your Earned Income Tax Payments using the correct Political Sub-Division Code (PSD) - Upper Uwchlan Township - 150304**



## FROM THE Upper Uwchlan Township TAX COLLECTOR

By now you should have received your Upper Uwchlan Township Real Estate tax bill for 2011. Do they look different to you this year? I hope so, because I tried to make them look different from some of the other bills you might get from Upper Uwchlan Township in order to avoid some of the confusion I saw last year in my first year as Tax Collector.

In addition to the Real Estate tax bills, your Upper Uwchlan Township sewer and trash bills and the Downingtown Area School District bills are all prepared by Berkheimer.

That means they are alike in form to a

certain degree. This confuses many residents, and last year I got a lot of questions pertaining to the other bills which had to be referred to Upper Uwchlan Township or Downingtown Area School District. Not only that, many of the mortgage escrow companies were getting some of the other bills sent to them in error, too, further adding to the confusion.

## YELLOW PAPER

Since the only basic difference in the other three bills was the color ink (red, green or blue), I opted to change the paper color from white to yellow. That makes them stand out from the others- BIG TIME! Now, if an escrow company gets my bill and another one and wants to know which one they should pay, all I have to tell them is "Pay the yellow one!" The words "REAL ESTATE TAX BILL ENCLOSED" are printed in bold letters at the top of the bill, too, further helping to differentiate the bills one from another.

## HOW TO PAY

New this year was a revised "GENERAL INFORMATION" section, mainly devoted to the four different ways residents can now pay their Upper Uwchlan Township Real Estate tax bill. Whether by check, online bank check pay, online credit card/ACH or old-fashioned cash, we can handle it all. The challenge was how to lay it all out in a short space so it made sense. I have one more way to pay which I am working on for 2012; can you guess what it is? Stay tuned.

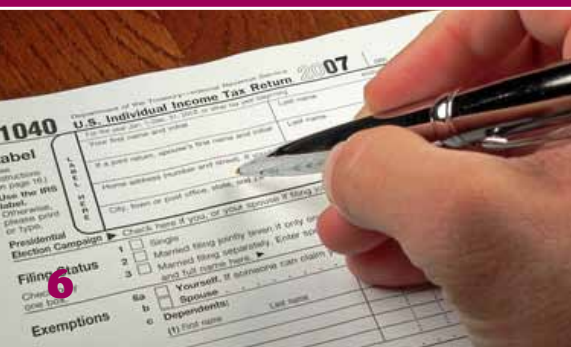
## MORTGAGE ESCROW

Well over half of our residents have their Upper Uwchlan Township Real Estate tax bills paid by an escrow agent or mortgage company. The most-often asked questions I get are: "What should I do with my bill?" and "Why isn't this sent to my mortgage company?"

The answer to the first question is: send it to your mortgage company. Even though my office has an electronic relationship with many of the larger mortgage companies and I do send them a copy of your bill, it is better to be sure and send it to them anyway.

The answer to the second is more complex. With over 5000 individual taxpayers in Upper Uwchlan Township, it is impractical to know what their respective arrangements are with their mortgage companies or even if they have a mortgage. Therefore, all bills are sent to the resident/property owner. See my website for more information: [www.benlagarde.com](http://www.benlagarde.com).

*Ben LaGarde, Tax Collector, Upper Uwchlan Township*





# NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS ARE WHAT TOWNSHIPS ARE ABOUT

By Townships Today

You may read about them in the newspaper or see them along local roads, plowing snow in the winter or patching potholes in the spring.

They're your township supervisors and staff, and while it's possible that you don't know their names, these public servants show up each and every day with one goal in mind: to build a better community for you, your family and your neighbors.

Established to be a direct reflection and representation of the people who live there, townships are places where residents – when they choose to – have a voice in what happens, where every expenditure is scrutinized, and where services don't exceed what the community needs or can afford.

In other words, townships are full-service, grassroots-driven communities overseen by your neighbors, who are dedicated to meeting the specific needs of residents while keeping taxes in check.

## A system that makes sense

Since its inception, Pennsylvania has had three levels of government: state, county and local. This system, which the Founding Fathers based on a division of labor, made sense then and makes even more sense now.

In fact, the commonwealth's governing system is a lot like a telescope. Open it wide and you'll see the state's big picture view. Narrow the focus a bit and you've got the county's regional perspective. Narrow the focus even more and you'll see what townships see: the local side of things.

And each of these levels of government has distinct duties, priorities, and responsibilities. In the early days, for instance, township supervisors primarily oversaw the maintenance of local roads. And while this continues to be one of their top priorities, township supervisors today have many more responsibilities.

Jack of all trades, township supervisors in the 21st century are hands-on local leaders who must be well-schooled in a wide range of complex issues, such as land use management, budgeting, transportation planning and environmental concerns.

And because they live and may even work in the communities they represent, township supervisors are on call around the clock. In fact, it's not unusual for supervisors or Township staff to field phone calls from residents during dinner and to plow roads at night and into the early hours of the morning.

Township supervisors hold public meetings at least once a month where they discuss the issues and make the decisions that have the most impact on you and your neighbors. Guided by the township budget, your elected officials spend considerable time weighing the best use of local tax dollars and finding ways to stretch them to build new parks, pave roads, improve public safety, encourage business development and take on other projects to better the community.

## A critical layer

Township government isn't just another layer of government. It's the critical layer, one that represents you and your neighbors, lives within its budget and provides the services you've asked for – nothing more and nothing less.

So take a look around your township and realize that all the good things you see – the parks, the well-maintained roads, and the safe environment to raise a family – are possible because your local leaders had a vision and turned it into a reality. These things are possible too, because you asked for them and are willing to pay for them.



Photo by John Scott - Graphite Mine "Adopt A Roadway"  
Clean up supported by Pickering Valley Elementary 5th  
Grade Community Service and the Cub Scouts.



*Keeping Kids  
Safer on  
the Internet*

## Tips for Parents and Guardians

Allowing kids to go online without supervision or ground rules is like allowing them to explore a major metropolitan area by themselves. The Internet, like a city, offers an enormous array of entertainment and educational resources but also presents some potential risks. Kids need help navigating this world.

## Where Do Kids Connect?

Kids go online almost anywhere. They surf the Internet and send messages from a home computer or one at a friend's home, library, or school.

Kids connect at coffee shops and other "hotspots" using laptops and wireless connections.

Internet-enabled, video-game systems allow them to compete against and chat with players around the world.

Wireless devices enable kids to surf the Web and exchange messages, photographs, and short videos from just about anywhere.

You can't watch your kids every minute, but you do need to use strategies to help them benefit from the Internet and avoid its potential risks.

By exploring the Internet with your kids, you greatly expand its capacity as an educational tool. By providing guidance and discussion along the way, you increase kids' online skills and confidence along with their ability to avoid potential risks. And you might be surprised by what kids teach you at the same time.

Visit the webpage of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for more details at [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).

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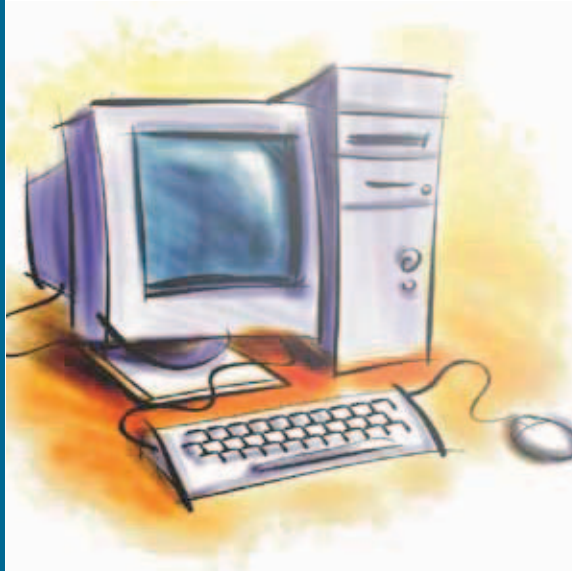
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## Township Moves to E-Newsletter

Upper Uwchlan Township rolled out a new website in November of 2010. Our new website has many user friendly features such as online bill pay, report a concern electronically, social media interaction through Facebook and Twitter, and email and text message notification for both emergency and non-emergency issues.

This is the final edition of our newsletter that will be mass produced and mailed to all residents in the Township. In the future, all newsletters will be posted on our website and notification will be sent to all who subscribe to receive the e-newsletter. This email notification will include a hyperlink that will take you directly to the newsletter for download. Please visit our website located at <http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov>, click on "Notify Me" and follow the detailed directions to sign up for emails and/or text messages.



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